Today I can see again as well as I can remember seeing. Yesterday morning I had great difficulty reading even while wearing sun glasses in the house to diminish glare and using a magnifying glass to make the type comprehensible.

It was painless and, in fact, instantaneous. As soon as Dr. Walter J. Stark, chief of corneal services at the Wilmer Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital said he was finished, after what I believe was about a dozen zaps with a laser and I looked up, I knew my vision was back again to its normal clarity and capability.

In part I report and in part I have in mind the possibility that one of you may at some time face the decision Lil and I faced yesterday, when we reached a conclusion for the first time, having discusseed the problem earlier without deciding.

Dr. Stark was running late. He examined me after an associate had about two hours after the appointment time - at quitting time. His office staff was gone.

Lil and I had decided that having some idea of the risks we would do as he recommended. He said I really had little alternative because what he eliminated had increased since his prior examination about three months ago. He told us about three potential complications, the one of greater likelihood about 1-2% likely, detaching the retina.

In the recent past Lil had two laser operations for a different reason, to improve the blood circulation because without it there was a danger of blindness. She then had only slight discomfort. When Dr. Stark finished I also did, less than she did, and by, really some time before bedtime, that was gone.

I had been slightly apprehensive because the local opthalmalogist was relcutant to do this and suggested that I get in touch with Stark. I suppose this was because the eye requiring this was my better eye, and a failure would greatly reduce my vision and be a major change in what is safe for me, like driving, which is essential, living where we live and having to drive for blood tests thrice weekly.

What happened to me is not unusual after cataract removal. It happened to a friend of our age several years ago. She had her eye lasered about three-four months after her catatact was removed, locally.

I forgot to ask how long the period of possible complications is. He told me to get in touch with him immediately if I observe anything in any way abnormal. I go back the first week of November for a check.

Because cataract removal alone is fairly common, as is this complication, of what appears to be the formation of tiny sacs behind the artificial lens, and because lasers are used on the eyes for other reason, this report and if you have the need, this encouragement. Also, I left with no restrictions of any kind. And now, before daylight, I'll test the benfits on headlight glare by driving for a blood test. It was ok 10/2/91